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for OPINIONS expressed by correspondents.

theran Church. The Holston Synod of the Evangel-ical Lutheran Church held its eighteenth appual session at New Haven Church in Sullivan county, of which Rev. W. G. Woiford is paster, Sept. 25-28. A correspondent who attended the interesting meeting writes as follows:-Knoxvitte Tribune.

The writer travelled through a fine portion of East Tennessee in going to this meeting, and having made himself independent of the railroad had a good opportunity of observing the country. Were the roads as pleasant as the scenery, and the farms as good as the dinners, especially when the "parson" is there, what a good country ours would be! Particularly striking was "Chimney Top Mountain," its sides dappled as sunthine and shadow, their successive visits make its garments of vernal beauty changed for the autumn robes of purple and gold, standing like a glant sentinel between the rival mountains of the Alleghanies and Cumber-

On Thursday morning the session was open-d Rev Mr Schaldt preaching the "Synodical Sermon." Election of officers resulted as follows; President, Rev J G Schaldt; Secretary, Rev G H Cox; Treas., Mr. W. H. Burnett ; Supt. of missions, Rev A J Brown, D D. The necessary routine work, appointment of committees; etc., occupied the afternoon.

The main business attended to by the Synod on the following days was the provision for the missionary work and Mosheim Institute. If carried out the provisions are ample and satistactory, and will be an honor to the church, In regard to the Institute a splendid beginning has been made, not to mention the vigorous and enthusiastic debate.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

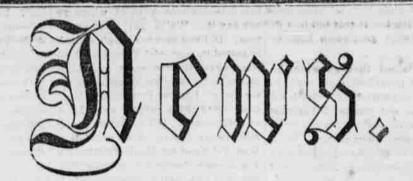
Wandering Through Church and Cloisters.

How a Grave is Gotton in That Great Church Where Monuments Epitomize Engiand's History.

W. W. Nevin to Philadelphia Press, It was my great good fortune to be shown the treasures and beauties of Westminster Abbey by its scholarly This great honor, for which kings in the kingdom either for State prison and accomplished Dean, whose repu- hope and prelates strive and soldiers tation and fame are as broad in all our die, rests in law to-day, entirely and land and in all the learned world, as absolutely, in the hands of one manhis own broad sympathies and the Dean Stanley, the dean of the Abbey. generous gospel be preaches so boldly He can bury any one in the Abbey he in the first of English churches. I shall not attempt a picture of this bistoric fane which rises so stately here is no power in the land, civil or eccle- chiefs, and which Scottish tradition and and which stands perhaps in still state- sinstical, that can force or control his lier and more unattainable proportions judgement or discretion in the matter. in the imagination of all real and cul- It is one of those instances continual- head for a pillow when he slept and saw

tured An.ericans. It was a noble instinct, worthy of cal development of England in which illustrating its age, whatever age that enormous or public trusts or franchiswas, which first conceived the idea of es have come into the hands of some making the churches of England the one man or class, who are responsible you ascend to the small, rude, touching in various States. Seventeen States tombs of its great dead, and Westminster Abbey has been highly favored ster Abbey highly favored ster Abbey has been high of history and of England in becom- of a whole people which generaly in by the feet of devoted worshippers, who Connecticut, New York, Virginia, ing the shrine of the nation. "Let us some way enforces its own will. And for centuries have climbed its hard bare North Carolina, Georgia, Michigan, here praise famous men and our fa- a vast body of such usages, powers, way to hear mass and pray by the body [Hinois, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Ten- inspection by the 10th. there that begat us." I may be par- vested rights and franchises, ecclesias- of their dead, loved king—the saddle nessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, and





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doned for altering one small word in tical and civil and political, which no and the helmit of Agincourt keeping this grand quotation to en- one has ever attempted to enumerate solemn guard over the warrior at rest force its appositeness to this use. It or define, and which no one here forever. On the Continent I saw many is the one thing which I most envy of would define if he could, and of which impressive altars in crypts and corners Europe, this wealth of its great men there is nowhere any written or au- and dramatic situations, but I remember and the noble and beautiful use which | thoritative record of the Constitution | none in the unique position of this one it may make and does make of their of England. Compare this condition raised into the air on a level above the graves, through which it carries of things with the carefully-written main altar of the church, and looking down through the centuries what is payer which is our Constitution, and down on all around it. best of them, keeping their memory you have some idea of the organic But why lengthen out detached picgreen and imperishable, but more differences of the two governments- tures where every foot is illustrative, than that, transfusing, as it were, the one a growth, the other a pure where every stone is eloquent, every their virtues into the daily life and construction. This fact is the great sisle and corridor and archway is tremugeneration of the hour. Here they and foundation difference between lous with the memories of centuries? lie in stately tombs all over England, the men who deserved well of their the reason why the acts of one are ofcountry, who have served their fellow ten no precedent for the other. men, who have honored their race-As a matter of fact Dean Stanley, as the soldiers, the philanthropists, the teachers-a lesson, a stimulus, an inspiration to all that come after them. and interpreter of the English people in history and tradition; with its stately And it is alike to the honor of Eng- the discharge of this unique and singu- tombs, the grand records of England's land and convincing evidence of her larly high trust, and does as have all the glories, learning the faith; with its hismoral vigor and integrity, and of long Deans of Westminster before him. national life yet to come, that their While the exercise of such sole and irrecognition, their great homes, are responsible power looks dangerous to banners or crowded with suggestive inopen to all. Riches will not buy a the American mind, accustomed to the tomb in Westminster Abbey, nor a large distribution of responsibilities and like Niagara, cannot disappoint. One life of ostentation, and luxury and the delicate balance of powers, it has need not fear to see it lest the sight display; but its walls are open to the many advantages apparent at a glance. young lieutenant, the young clergy- The popular feeling generally obtains

dremmer or cabin boy who does his perhaps for a time, by the sounder and duty, and dies in doing it. Perhaps the distinctive feature of tivated man, who can also by his power Westminster Abbey to a thoughtful of veto not only prevent indecorous stranger is the wonderful catholicity burials, which might be forced under of its tombs. After all we uncon- temporary impulse or immature senti- with which England is endowed in this sciously think of it as an aristocratic ment, but save the building from the burial place of the established church | profanation of crude inscriptions, born of England-words of limitation. We of ignorance, passion or bad taste. Infind its consecrated crypts open to hu- deeed, the present Dean has done an acmanity-literally to all the world. It knowledged service, not only in Enghas been elequently called the temple land, but to the English language, in of silence and conciliation, and this the regulation of the mural legends and language is the literal truth. Vari- inscriptions which have been placed in days of old; consider the years of many son for this great preponderance in the ances of faiths, barsh judgments of the Abbey during his long incumbency. personal lives, the asperities of poli- As a whole work they show a marked ties, the rancorous struggles of ambi- force, elegance and good taste that in tion, the bitterness of parties, all are inture times will be noted and rememforgotton in its still and passionless bered to the credit of our century. chapels where side by side sleep friend A MONUMENTAL EPITOME OF ENGLISH of civilization" means .- Baltimore Sun, and foe. The ciangor of arms and the damnatory clauses of old creeds are hushed in its hallowed and silent ters of this great church awakens the aisles. Here, walking among its

Holston Synod, Evangelical Luvoiceless expression, I came again and the outer confines of our knowledgesgain on tombs or monuments of men that almost startled you by their associstions or the dramatic contrast of their lives with their last resting place. You find in a place of honor John and Charles Weslie, their tablet legended My parish is the world"-the found the angelic church. Cromwell and land, the two Charleses and Gen, Monk sleep near together. An English mob is unhappier times, once rifled the legend as the death scene of Henry IV. tomb of the puritan statesman and soldier, and scattered his dust and the man. John Dryden, the Roman (atholic; Isaac Watts, the non-conformist; Mrs. Siddons, the actress; Kemble, the actor; Congreve, the tre? play writer of broad freedom, to speak gently near his ashes; Casaubon, the Frenchman; Spanbeim, the Swiss; Book of Common Prayer in the form in Theodorus Paleogus, the Greek: some which it is now used in England. And of the family of Louis Philippe-all to keep up the chain of historical tradi-He peacefully in the resting ranks of tion in this line, the modern "Committhe noble army of its dead. It might tee for the Revision of the Bible" is tobe easy enough to lay most of these day sitting in this chamber invested with men here now in our better and gent- such distinguished ecclesiastical associaler times, but think of the bitter passions of older days when statesmen Ignorant hatred which so short a time ago passed for religion and faith, and lock and key. you can begin to guage the strength of mind and moral courage and nobility ahead of their generation of the men who dug some of these graves.

> absolutely nothing, and which we can pleases, and he can close its doors of it now, the famous "Stone of Scone," against any one he pleases, and there the rude throne of the old Scottish

English and American politics, and

any strong man would in a similar nosition, feels bound to act as the prophet man, the satior or private soldier or its will, but it is regulated, restrained

LIFE. A stroll through the aisles and cloisechoes of history and starts associations political, religious and social-of our-

Here in the Ancient Chapter house, perfectly circular room, on the rule of stone benches continuous around the wall in three tiers, without arms or railing or rest of any kind, for three huners of Methodism in the pantheon of dred years sat the parliaments of Eng-

Here, in the Jerusalem Chamber, a modest kind of vestry room, storied in juggled by a prophesy, was framed and published, "The Shorter Catechism," bones, but the empty grave and its in- that funous compendium of Presbyteriscribed siab are still their in honor of an belief. How many of our Pennsylvania Presbyterians ever think of the "Assembly of Westminster divines" as assembled at this historic Anglican cen-

> In this same room sat and worked the men who produced the Revision of the tions.

Here once was the "treasury of the paid with their heads for political Kings of England," and here now all mistakes; think of the merciless and the official gold and silver standards of the coin of the realm are under royal

Here, too, opening out of the Dean's private study, is the simple closet, now disused, but which once served for the keeping of the crown jewels and regalla. Honor to whom honor is due. The of which the dean and chapter are still honor for this great service to human- the legal and constructive keepers, and ity is due of recent history ultimately which, on the eve of the coronation day to the Dean of Westminster (and in of every monarch, are yet brought to earlier centuries, I suppose, to the Abbey and kept there over night, that Abbot), who is finally responsible for they may be ready for the ceremony of every tomb, monument or inscription the morning-for the coronation of evn the church, and whose yeto can ex- ery king or queen of England takes clude anybody, living or dead, and place in this church in front of the chapany tablet. Let me explain a mo- el of Henry VII. These jewels are the ment how a man is buried in West- gorgeous collection of crowns and coro minster Abbey, how the greatest hon- nets and sceptres and royal swords and or England can bestow is given. It gold and silver and diamonds familiar to is so thoroughly illustrative of the in- all who have visited the Tower of Lonterior of English life, of a power of tra- don, although in the constructive keepdition and usage of which we know ing of the Abbey, these regal valuables are by statue in the actual charge as dehardly understand or comprehend at posits of the constable of the Tower, all, that time is not lost in learning it. who is supposed to have the safest place

ers or State property. Here, in silent admonitory state among the dusty tombs of the sover eigns who have sat in it, stands the coro nation chair. Under its seat, and part relic-worship assert to be the very stone on which the patriarch Jacob rested his ly arising out of the fortuitous histori- his glorious vision of power and long

THE SERMON IN STONE.

Westminster Abbey with its pictursque old English architecture, so thoroughly ecclesiastical, so rich, so elegant; with its cloisters and venerable aisles, shadowy with the associates of legend, toric chapels and crumbling stones, and time-stained walls hung with drooping scriptions, is one of those places, which, should dissolve cherished dreams of beautiful images. No matter what one's range of reading, no matter what one's sweep and realm of imagination, the truer judgement of an educated and cul- fair fabric of fact stands forever, grand-

er than dream or fancy. I could not help thinking whenever I passed this historic spot of the riches single church, and my mind reverts to the reflection again and again as I think how long, long, long it must be before we can be equally favored. It is a foundation with which no college can ever be endowed-a perpetual les-19; white Ohio has no less than 44, and generations. "Their souls are with the Lord, we trust."

Wandering through Westminster Abbey as in all the churches of England, there is forced on one a sense of the great honors which England pays to her soldiers. I think that in the cathedrals and churches of the kingdom a larger proportion of soldiers lie buried in state or their names recorded in memorial legend if they have died on foreign fields, than any one other class, not even exearing the clergy, the custodians of th buildings. At every step these stately tombs or eloquent tablets arrest your their still, stone effigies rest under the gathering dusts of every century; "their good swords rust" on every wall,

It is this culture of courage and force which has made England, and it is those honors which make her men soldiers,-While there is something in her military organization and structure which seem to produce deficient generalship or prevent the development and coming forward of the real military genius which is surely in her armies, the soldierly qualities of the body of her officers are something wonderful and worthy of the highest admiration-their fidelity; their personal chivalry in moments of danger; their perfect willingness and readiness to die. Her gentlemen leave homes of loveliness, and cultivation, and refinement, unequaled on the face of the globe, and die every year, every day almost, old and young, on the plains of Asia, in the forests of Africa, in fever swamp and desert sands, cheerfully and uncomplainingly. Hardly a country home in England but has its soldier's grave some where in the utmost parts of the earth, where England is pushing her imperial arms. And that all this sacrifice is made in the face of a general sense of uneaseiness and want of confidence in the ability of the directing power makes it all the more wonderful. "Somebody blundered" at Balaklava, just as they did at Braddock's Field and Bunker Hill, and before the cotton bales at New Orleans in 1812, and among the kraals of Zululand this fatal year; but still the British soldier, gentleman and yeoman, is ever ready, with his life in his hand, to go forward. It is these tombs in the old

enthedrals.

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